

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RULES COMMITTEE  
OF THE LIBERTARIAN PARTY OF NEW YORK  
HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2023 ON THE ZOOM MEETING APP**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andrew Kolstee, Chair  
Mark Braiman  
Justin Carman  
Daniel Castello  
Pietro Geraci  
Adam Magoon  
Christopher Olenski  
Michael Rebmann

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mark Glogowski  
Paul Grindle

**OBSERVERS**

Debra Altman

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Andrew Kolstee, Chair.

**Proposal H1 as follows was recommended to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** without objection.

8.2.2. **VOTING MEMBERS.** The ~~State Committee~~ members elected ~~at the preceding primary election~~ to the State Committee in accordance with these Rules at the most recent election shall be the voting members of the Organization Meeting.

Motion by Adam Magoon to **recommend Proposal T as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Daniel Castello and debated.

**12.2. PROCEDURE.**

12.2.1. ~~REQUEST FOR HEARING. INITIATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.~~ With a two-thirds (2/3) vote, the Executive Committee may request a hearing be held by the State Committee for the purpose of revoking the affiliation of a County Organization or removing a state or county official of the Libertarian Party ~~as described in Article 12.1.2. in accordance with this article. 12.2.2. APPROVAL OF HEARING.~~ A majority vote at a meeting of the full State Committee shall be required to

approve a hearing requested by the Executive Committee. ~~Such approval requires the hearing was requested per Article 12.2.1.~~

**12.2.2. INITIATION BY THE FULL STATE COMMITTEE.** A minimum of one-third (1/3) of the members of the full State Committee may submit a request in writing to the Secretary to request a vote be held by the State Committee for the purpose of approving a hearing in order to revoke the affiliation of a County Organization or remove a state or county official of the Libertarian Party in accordance with this article. A majority vote at a meeting of the full State Committee shall be required to approve a hearing.

**12.2.3. HEARINGS.** Hearings approved in ~~Article 12.2.1 and Article 12.2.2.~~ accordance with these Rules shall be held during a meeting of the full State Committee. Hearings shall be initiated within ~~thirty (30)~~ ninety (90) days upon approval ~~and may be held by teleconference.~~ If a hearing is not initiated within ~~thirty (30)~~ ninety (90) days, the matter is dismissed without prejudice, and any new hearing requires a new request and/or approval in accordance with these Rules ~~as provided in Article 12.2.1.~~ The individuals subject to removal or the officers of the County Organization subject to revocation shall be notified of the hearing within ten (10) days after approval of the hearing. ~~In the case of a hearing to revoke the affiliation of a County Affiliate due to the abandonment of all officer positions,~~ The individuals to be notified shall be the most recent to hold each officer position as recorded by the Secretary.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **amend Proposal T as follows to strike “ninety (90)” in both instances indicated in orange and insert “forty-five (45)” as indicated in purple** was seconded by Mark Braiman, debated, and failed 4—3 after a roll call vote, with Mark Braiman, Pietro Geraci, and Michael Rebmann voting in favor and Justin Carman, Daniel Castello, Andrew Kolstee, and Adam Magoon voting against.

Motion by Adam Magoon to **amend Proposal T as follows to insert “The subject(s) of a hearing may petition the full State Committee to reduce the initiation of a hearing from ninety (90) days to thirty (30) days, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members of the full State Committee” at the end of Article 12.2.3** failed due to lack of a second.

The original motion to **recommend Proposal T as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party as amended** passed by voice vote.

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Motion by Adam Magoon to **recommend Proposal AP as follows, which amends Proposal AH to strike “3% of,” “or nine (9), whichever is less, but no convention shall be considered valid unless at least four (4),” and “members residing in the county are present” and insert “four (4)” as indicated in purple, and recommend such amendments to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Daniel Castello and debated, and passed by voice vote.

11.2.1. **GENERAL.** In any county where an insufficient number of Election District delegates were elected to form a County Committee, a County Organization may be formed and affiliated in those counties when a convention is held to adopt county rules consistent with Article 11.2 and elect officers. Quorum at the convention shall be **four (4) 3% of the enrolled Libertarians members** residing in the county **or nine (9), whichever is less, but no convention shall be considered valid unless at least four (4) enrolled Libertarians members residing in the county are present.**

Proposal C as follows was discussed.

(a) One (1) additional voting member for every six hundred (600) active enrolled Libertarians in the district, up to a maximum of five (5) members. The number of enrolled Libertarians shall be based on the New York State Board of Elections list **as of the December 31 direct preceding the election of a State Committee. The Secretary shall requested by the Secretary a list of enrolled Libertarians** between January 1 and January 15 directly preceding the election of a State Committee.

Motion by Mark Braiman to **amend Proposal C as follows, to strike “active enrolled Libertarians,” “enrolled Libertarians, and “request” as indicated in orange and insert “members of the Libertarian Party of New York,” “members,” and “date obtained” as indicated in purple, and recommend such amendments to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party** was seconded by Daniel Castello, debated, and passed by voice vote.

(a) One (1) additional voting member for every six hundred (600) **active-enrolled Libertarians members of the Libertarian Party of New York** in the district, up to a maximum of five (5) members. The number of **members enrolled Libertarians** shall be based on **data obtained the New York State Board of Elections list as of the December 31 direct preceding the election of a State Committee. The Secretary shall request by the Secretary a list of enrolled Libertarians** between January 1 and January 15 directly preceding the election of a State Committee.

The original motion to **recommend Proposal C as follows to the State Committee for adoption as an amendment to the Rules of the Libertarian Party as amended** passed by voice vote.

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There was an open discussion on defining terms to simplify the language of the rules.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Michael Rebmann to **adjourn** was seconded by Adam Magoon and passed by voice vote.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:43 p.m.

Andrew Martin Kolstee,  
Chair